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For: Film-Based Microwave And Milimeter-Wave
Circuits Ad Sensors

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 14, 2003 having a shortened period for response set to expire on February 14, 2003.

REMARKS

The Office has imposed a restriction requirement on the application and has requested Applicants to elect a single disclosed species as follows:

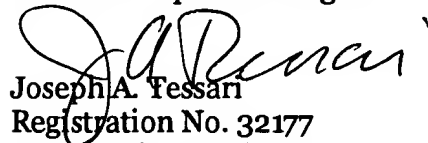
- The species of Fig. 1a;
- The species of Fig. 1b;
- The species of Fig. 2;
- The species of Fig. 4;
- The species of Fig. 2 modified by Fig. 7; and
- The species of Fig. 4 modified by Fig. 7.

Applicants herewith elect the species of Fig 1b without traverse. Applicants submit that all claims read upon this species in that claims 1-23 recite a flexible circuit, all elements of which are present in the species of Fig. 1b and claims 24-

43 recite a sensor containing a circuit, said circuit including features which are found in the species of Fig. 1b. Accordingly, Applicants election of species is not believed to require withdrawal or cancellation of any claims.

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